

aid to Black Catholic Seminarians. She was also a member of the Cook Avenue Block Unit Association, and a strong force in her neighborhood—with her home often serving as a gathering place for youth and young adults. Perhaps Mrs. Cooney's greatest display of goodwill was in her frequent visits to Homer G. Phillips Hospital with the Helpers of the Holy Souls. For over forty years Mrs. Cooney visited the sick and hospitalized and would provide them with candy, toiletries, and prayer.

Mrs. Cooney has traveled the world extensively, and has brought goodwill to wherever she has been. She has remained true to her motto: "If I can help somebody as I travel on, then my living will not be in vain." On behalf of the people of St. Louis and the State of Missouri, I extend my most sincere gratitude to Mrs. Annie Lee Cooney for her years of dedicated community service and the goodwill. I wish her all the best on this most important occasion, her one-hundredth birthday.●

#### REMEMBERING ELROY "CRAZY LEGS" HIRSCH

● Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, today I honor an incredible athlete and a hero of University of Wisconsin athletics, Elroy "Crazy Legs" Hirsch.

Not many Wisconsin Badger fans can forget the 1942 football season, the only season "Crazy Legs" spent playing for the University of Wisconsin football team. By running, passing, and catching for over 1,400 yards, the Wausauborn Hirsch led the Badgers to a second-place finish in the Big Ten with an 8-1-1 record and a No. 3 ranking in the final Associated Press poll.

Hirsch's football career at Wisconsin was cut short when he joined the Marines and was ordered to Michigan for basic training in 1943. Hirsch continued his illustrious career at the University of Michigan and then professionally with the Chicago Rockets of the All-American Football Conference and then the Los Angeles Rams of the NFL. Hirsch was instrumental in the Rams' 1951 championship season by leading the league in catches, receiving yards and receiving touchdowns. Hirsch was inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame in 1968.

Hirsch's on-field legacy will forever be remembered, as his number 40 is one of only 4 numbers that has been retired by the Badgers. But his legacy off the field at the University of Wisconsin was just as important. He served as athletic director from 1969 to 1987. His tenure saw a rise in football attendance and a hockey program that reached national prominence.

The University of Wisconsin and fans from all over the State will be forever grateful for Elroy's devotion to UW athletics. My thoughts go out to his wife Ruth and his family. "Crazy Legs" was a tremendous asset to the University of Wisconsin, both on and off the field, and he will be greatly missed.●

#### ELLEN KAY YORK, U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

● Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the exemplary career of Ellen Kay York, who retired in January after 28 years of public service and returning to her home in St. Robert, MO.

Since November 2000, Ellen has served as the executive secretary to the Army's Chief of Engineers and Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. As the senior office manager for the Executive Office, Ellen has been a valuable member of the Corps' team. In addition to her outstanding management of the Chief of Engineers' schedule, correspondence, and daily office operations, Ellen responded to a variety of requests for information from the public and the Congress, providing answers and information on behalf of the Chief of Engineers. Her skill and sensitivity have gained the respect, gratitude, and confidence of the senior leaders throughout the worldwide, 36,000-person organization.

Throughout her tenure with the Corps, Ellen Kay York has been a mentor to junior employees, spending countless hours and personal time to advise and counsel them. She has been active as well with Toastmasters International, as the Area 13 governor and as the president of the Corps' chapter, the Castle Toastmasters.

I know that the team at the Corps will miss her, particularly the so-called superior officers. I am sure that she managed and protected on too many occasions to site. But we are delighted that she is returning to God's country where she will be rewarded for and liberated from her dedicated public service. Today I congratulate this outstanding public servant for her many years of selfless and faithful service to the Nation.●

#### RECOGNITION OF COLONEL ROBERT C. KING

● Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment to commend a remarkable Iowan. COL Robert C. King retired from his duties as Public Affairs Officer for the Iowa National Guard in December 2003 and will retire from the National Guard at the end of the year. Colonel King has been a member of the Iowa National Guard since 1968 and has worked tirelessly to break new ground in the area of communication between the Iowa National Guard and outside media outlets. It goes without saying, his service is appreciated beyond words.

In his job as Public Affairs Officer, Colonel King cultivated a media relationship with the National Guard when none existed before. He served during some of the highest profile activities since World War II including the crash of United Flight 232, Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, the floods of 1993, as well as Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Colonel King has represented the Iowa National Guard and its thousands of members at a variety of functions throughout the State. He has held several command-directed assignments and served as the commander of the State Area Readiness Command in addition to his role as Public Affairs Officer. He handled this dual assignment with remarkable ease and showed his dedication through his willingness to take on such a committed role. While under his command, the Iowa National Guard Headquarters received Superior Unit Awards every year. Colonel King served as the 34th Rear Area Operations Center training administrator and executive officer. Colonel King also served as the administrative-supply technician for the 186th Military Police Company. He has been a valuable connection for me personally, providing information for me to stay abreast of what is going on with the Iowa National Guard. I am proud of Colonel King and the contributions he has made to Iowa. He tapped previously underutilized or noticeably absent avenues within the media relations field for the Iowa National Guard. His devotion to the soldier, the National Guard, Iowa and this country is beyond reproach.

Again, I would like to congratulate Colonel King on his retirement as Public Affairs Officer for the Iowa National Guard. He has proven to be a remarkable officer and I thank him for his inexhaustible dedication to Iowa and to America.●

#### RECOGNIZING SANDPOINT, IDAHO AS A SUNSET MAGAZINE "BEST SMALL TOWN"

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, Idaho is known as the Gem State. I rise today to recognize a diamond among our community gems that has gained the attention of Sunset magazine. Every year, Sunset selects a group of neighborhoods, cities, and towns which readers have nominated as "best places to live." I am proud to say that Sandpoint, ID, a small community in the panhandle has earned the distinction of "Best Small Town" in January 2004.

Sandpoint sits tucked away in the Selkirk Mountain Range, approximately 50 miles south of the Canadian border. It borders Lake Pend Oreille, the largest freshwater lake in Idaho, and is 9 miles from the well-known ski resort, Schweitzer Basin. Sandpoint is a diverse community of about 7,500 people who have occupations ranging from retail businessperson, logger, doctor, attorney, vintner, millworker, herbalist, teacher, and builder. Tourism, timber, and a thriving arts community call attention to the complexity and wonderful character of Sandpoint.

This honor bestowed by the readers of Sunset magazine indicates the efforts Sandpoint residents have made to work together to create a warm, inviting community which upholds values of